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**REMARKS**

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. Claims 26 and 27 are allowed. The rejected claims 18, 19, 24, 25 and 29 are now cancelled without prejudice and claim 26, which is dependent from cancelled claim 18, is rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of base claim 18.

The 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejection and the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, lack of written description rejection are obviated by the cancellation of the rejected claims.

In view of the above, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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